

Technological Research and Development, between the two Governments, to identify and facilitate the establishment of joint industrial research and development projects in the fields of industrial research and technological development.

- (iv) Programme for Cultural and Educational Cooperation between the two Governments, containing the agreement under the programme of exchanges in these areas for the years 1997-99.

Violence in University Campus, Delhi

329. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Campus violence reflects shift in student attitudes" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated January 1, 1997; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The newsitem in question which appeared in the Indian Express dated January 6, 1997 alleged increase in the incidents/instances of lawlessness on the campus of the University of Delhi and its colleges. The University authorities have been asked to send a detailed report on the specific instances cited in the newsitem and to draw up a concrete plan of action for maintenance of peace and tranquility on the campus.

Coast Guard

330. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in 'Indian Express' dated February 3, 1997 under the caption "Coast Guard seeks courts for maritime cases";

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made to the Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the present status of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal for setting up of special courts for quick disposal of cases under MZI Act, 1981, was made by the Coast Guard to the Government in 1985. However, Government had not considered it appropriate and the proposal was not processed.

Irrigation Facilities in Karnataka

331. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase irrigation facilities in Karnataka during 1996-97; and

(b) the amount to be spent in the State on irrigation schemes during the next two years ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) In addition to the annual plan allocations to the state under irrigation sector for the year 1996-97, Central Loan Assistance amounting to Rs. 122.50 crores has been sanctioned by the Union Government under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for speedy completion of the major projects namely Upper Krishna Stage and Malaprabha and medium project Hirahalla to increase irrigation facilities in Karnataka. First instalment of Central Loan Assistance amounting to Rs. 61.25 crores has already been released to the State for the said projects.

(b) Plan outlays for the irrigation sector for the next two years have been finalized by the Planning Commission.

Honorary Lecturers in Colleges under Delhi University

332. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Honorary Lecturers in different colleges under Delhi University;

(b) whether some of them are on the verge of retrenchment;

(c) if so, the reasons for removing them from the job;

(d) whether the Government propose to review their cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Firings on J & K Border

333. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has opened firing at many places in Jammu and Kashmir and other bordering areas of the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Pakistan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Unprovoked firing by Pakistani troops across the Line of Control and International Border in J & K is a recurring phenomenon. Appropriate and adequate response is made by the Army to suitably counter such firing. Weekly telephonic conversations between the Indian Director General of Military Operations and his counterpart, and local level flag meetings, are utilised to convey our concern at such incidents. These channels have been effective in keeping tensions under check along the border.

[English]

National Monuments

334. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Charminar and Macca Masjid are one of the oldest national monuments in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether large sections of people from India and abroad visit these monuments;

(c) if so, whether any restrictions were imposed by the authorities for visitors;

(d) if so, whether this has resulted deterioration in the condition of Charminar and Macca Masjid;

(e) whether the Government are considering to provide sufficient funds for these monuments and to lift restrictions on the visitors; and

(f) the time by which the Government are likely to prepare an action plan for their beautification, with a view to make them attractive for the tourists ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Charminar is a centrally protected monument and Macca Masjid is looked after by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Visitors are not allowed to go to the top storey of the Charminar since 17.11.1986 following an accident in which five members of a family committed suicide by jumping from the top floor of the Minar.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) The Charminar monument is in a good state of preservation and regular attention is paid towards its maintenance. There is no proposal to lift the restriction for visiting the top storey of Charminar.

Inclusion of State Roads as N.Hs.

335. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has taken up with the Planning Commission the issue of inclusion of State roads proposed to be declared as National Highways during the Ninth Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) 9th Plan has yet to be finalised and it is too early to give details.

[Translation]

Encroachment in Danapur Cantt., Bihar

336. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire nearby land of the bus-stand located in Danapur Cantt. under Patna District of Bihar has been encroached; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to free the above land from the encroachment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Part of land of the bus stand and nearby area measuring approximately 558 sq meters has been encroached upon.

(b) The Cantonment Board has initiated action for removal of the encroachment.

[English]

Private Participation in Port Sector

337. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified areas for the private sector participation in the port sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have issued any clear cut guidelines for the major ports in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following areas have been identified for private sector participation in the port sector :—

(1) Leasing out existing assets of the port.